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SPECIALTY WINS

Chicago MSC
February 27 2010

Puppy Sweeps

Judge: Patricia Keenan

Best In Sweeps... Ward Creek's Mint Julep/
Schnetzer

BOS In Sweeps... Rampage's Point Break at
Rampetition/Gonzalez/Ramel

Regular Classes

Judge: Peggy Beisel McIlwaine

WD... Dreamaker Firepower/Allen/Allen

RWD... Repitition's Carte Blanche/Riddle/Garmaker

WB/BOW/BOS... Repitition's By Request/Garmaker

RWB... Barbucha Astronaut/Stephens/Stephens

BOB... CH Earthsong Remedy for the Blues/
Hoffmann/Hoffmann

BP... Ward Creek's Mint Julep/Schnetzer

Cactus State MSC

March 4, 2010

Puppy Sweeps (1-3)

Judge: Shirley Fry

Best In Sweeps... Passport's Seminole Wind/
Donnelly/Vaske/Alex

BOS In Sweeps... Jo-Di's Winner Takes All/Cole

Regular Classes - (8-11-2-1)

Judge: Hon. David C. Merriam

WD/BOW... Dm Extreme Turn De Miguel/De Miguel

RWD... Passport's Seminole Wind/Donnelly/Vaske/
Alex

WB/BOS... Christens Valkyrie Queen V Belgar/
Christensen

RWB... North Pine Embrace The Moment/Cooper

BOB... CH Lewis's Red Hot Chili Pepper/Lewis

Rally - 1

Judge Ms. Eileen Jaffe

1st - Keno's Little Rascal/Kerlin

Gateway MSC

MARCH 5, 2010

Puppy Sweepstakes

Judge: Jan Taylor

Best In Sweeps... Wards Creek's Mint Julep/
Schnetzer

Regular Classes

Judge: William Potter

WD/BOW... Suelen Frosty Gusto V Amore/ Rue/
Laschinski

WB ... Cherry Field-H JP Anzu Repitition/ Ueki

RWB ... Wards Creek Minit Julep/Schnetzer

BOS... CH Char N Co Red High Heels/ Stukey

BOB ... CH Earthsong Remedy for the Blues/
Hoffmann/Hoffmann

LIVER SHUNT STUDY: Sample Solicitation...February 2010

Liver Shunt Study at Cornell University, In-
vestigator - Dr. Sharon Center

We are interested in acquiring more di-
versity in the DNA samples from Schnau-
zers. From the work we are doing, the very
nice population of dogs included thus far
have markers suggesting a lack of genetic
diversity. Unfortunately, genetic diversity
assists with mapping strategies. A broader
representation of North American and For-
eign dogs would lend to the genetic diver-
sity and would be quite helpful.

If there are willing participants to assist
in finding the genetic cause of this devas-
tating disorder, we need the following types
of samples:

1. Samples from families of dogs: par-
ents and at least 3 siblings with one being
a shunt affected. We are interested in in-
dividual DNA samples from confirmed shunt
dogs (veterinary opinion and testing).
2. Pedigrees and relevant health infor-
mation.
3. Blood for DNA: For mapping we need
pedigree information and EDTA blood
samples for DNA extraction, at least 5 mL
of EDTA blood, more is helpful.

4. Bile Acid testing: All dogs must be bile
acid tested. While we are able to measure
bile acids in our laboratory for the study and
can provide that information to owners and
their veterinarians, we do not have funds to
cover the cost of the bile acid analyses in
our grants at this time. However we can
measure samples in our lab (a pre meal
sample and a 2-hr post meal sample) at a
cost of \$15.50 to cover reagents and tech-
nician associated expenses for the paired
samples. Bile acid samples require a mini-
mum of 1 ml of heparinized plasma or se-
rum for each sample. Bile acid testing done
locally should be pre-and post meal and be

numerically (quantitatively) determined
rather than a test that simply indicates "high"
or "normal". If bile acids have been done,
we can use quantitative values (numerical)
and information regarding where the analy-
sis was done (what method).

5. How to submit samples: DNA sample
blood must not be frozen, the bile acid
samples can be frozen. The DNA samples
should be received within 5 -7 days of col-
lection, the bile acid samples can be col-
lected and frozen for shipping in groups as
these are quite stable. Shipping informa-
tion is as shown below. Please ship to
arrive on weekdays only.

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make a change.

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* LOCAL CLUBS...PLEASE send a copy of your newsletter to the following members of the Local Club Bulletin Committee:

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*E-MAIL...If you would like to send your wins to AMSCOPE via E-MAIL, use the following address:
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The deadline
for the
May issue
is April 20th.

How to Give Canine CPR

By Lori S. Mohr
(as referenced by *First Aid For Dogs* by Tim Hawcroft)

Ed's note: We had a similar article in AMSCOPE several years ago. Recently I had something happen to one of my boys and had to use CPR quickly or I would have lost him. It is a good thing to become familiar with.

CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) is the process of breathing life back into an unconscious human. A similar technique can also work effectively on dogs.

The signs that indicate the need for CPR include unconsciousness, lack of arousal, lack of physical movement, or eye blinking. These symptoms can occur from drowning, choking, electrical shock, or a number of other situations.

The key to canine CPR is remembering the ABCs:

- A**irway,
- B**reathing, and
- C**ardiac compression.

To perform the three techniques, follow these steps.

Lay the dog on a flat surface on its right side and extend the head back to create an airway.

Open the jaws to check for obstructions, and if any exist and are not easily removed, do one of two things, depending on the size of the dog.

- *For small dogs*, hold them upside down by their back end and shake vigorously to try removing the obstruction.
- *For large dogs*, lay them on their side and, if necessary, use long-nosed pliers to remove the obstruction.

Cup your hands around the muzzle of the dog's mouth so that only the nostrils are clear. Blow air into the nostrils with five or six quick breaths, again, depending on the size of the dog. Continue the quick breaths at a rate of one breath every three seconds or 20 breaths per minute.

- Small dogs and puppies require short and shallow breaths.
- Large dogs need longer and deeper breaths.

Check for a heartbeat by using your finger on the inside of the thigh, just above the knee.

If you don't feel a pulse, put your hand over the dog's chest cavity

where the elbow touches the middle of the chest. If you still don't find a pulse, have one person continue breathing into the nostrils (mouth to snout), while another gives cardiac massage.

Give the dog a cardiac massage by placing both hands palms down between the third and sixth rib on the chest cavity.

For small dogs or puppies, place one hand or thumb on the chest.

For large dogs, place your hands on top of each other.

Use the heel of your hand(s) to push down for 10 quick compressions and then check to see if consciousness has been restored.

If consciousness has not been restored, continue the compressions in cycles of about 10 every six seconds for 10 cycles a minute.

After each cycle of compression, the other person should give the dog two breaths of air in the nostrils. If only one person is present, this procedure can still be done successfully.

Once the dog has started breathing, **contact a veterinarian immediately**.

Phew! Now I can breathe easier that you know what to do!



How Do You Know When It's Time?

I don't subscribe to the idea that dogs and cats "will let us know when it's time", at least not in any conscious sense on their part. They are not people. We lovingly anthropomorphize our pets during our time together and there's no harm in that, even quite a bit of reward for both them and us. But the bottom line is that they are not little people and they don't think in the way people think. (Many of us would argue that that speaks to the superiority of our pets.) These amazing beings love us and trust us implicitly. It just isn't part of their awareness that they should need to telegraph anything to us in order for their needs to be met or their wellbeing ensured. They are quite sure that we, as their caretakers, operate only in their best interest at all times. Emotional selfishness is not a concept to them and they don't know how hard we sometimes have to fight against it ourselves.

They also have no mindset for emotional surrender or giving up. They have no awareness of the inevitability of death as we do and they have no fear of it. It is fear that so often influences and aggravates our perceptions when we are sick or dying and it becomes impossible to separate the fear out from the actual illness after a while. But that's not the case with dogs and cats. Whatever we observe to be wrong with our sick pet, it's all illness. And we don't even see the full impact of that until it's at a very advanced point, because it's their nature to endure and to sustain the norm at all costs. If that includes pain, then that's the way it is. Unlike us, they have never learned that letting pain show, or reporting on it, may generate relief or aid. So they endure, assuming in their deepest subconscious that whatever we abide for them is what is to be abided.

If there is a "look in the eye", or an indication of giving up, that we think we see from our beloved pets, it isn't a conscious attitude on their part or a decision to communicate something to us. It's just an indication of how tired and depleted they are. But they don't know there's any option other than struggling on, so that's what they do. We must assume that the discomfort we see is much less than the discomfort they really feel. And we do know of other options and it is entirely our obligation to always offer them the best option for that moment, be it further intervention, or none, or the gift of rest.

From the moment we embrace these animals when they first grace our lives, every day is one day closer to the day they must abandon their very temporary and faulty bodies and

return to the state of total perfection and rapture they have always deserved. We march along one day at a time, watching and weighing and continuing to embrace and respect each stage as it comes. Today is a good day. Perhaps tomorrow will be, too, and perhaps next week and the weeks or months after. But there will eventually be a winding down. And we must not let that part of the cycle become our enemy.



When I am faced with the ultimate decision about how I can best serve the animals I love so much, I try to set aside all the complications and rationales of what I may or may not understand medically and I try to clear my mind of any of the confusions and ups and downs that are so much a part of caring for a terminally ill pet. This is hard to do, because for months and often years we have been in this mode of weighing hard data, labs, food, how many ounces did he drink, should he have his shots or not, etc. But at some point it's time to put all of that in the academic folder and open the spiritual folder instead. At that point we are wise to ask ourselves the question: "Does my pet want to be here today, to experience this' day in this way, as much as I want him to?"

Remember, they are not afraid, they are not carrying anxiety and fear of the unknown. So for them it's only about whether this day holds enough companionship and ease and routine so that they would choose to have those things more than anything else and that they are able to focus on those things beyond any discomfort or pain or frustration they may feel. How great is the burden of illness this day, and does slbe want/need to live through this day with this burden of illness as much as I want/need /him/her to? If I honestly believe that this condition is such, their pleasures are sufficient, that he/she would choose to persevere, then that's the answer and we press on.

If, on the other hand, I can look honestly and

bravely at the situation and admit that slbe, with none of the fear or sadness that cripples me, would choose instead to rest, then my obligation is clear. Because slbe needs to know in her giant heart, beyond any doubt, that I will have the courage to make the hard decisions on her behalf, that I will always put his/her peace before my own, and that I am able to love him/her as unselfishly as she has loved me.

After many years, and so very many loved ones now living on joyously in their forever home in my heart, this is the view I take. As my veterinarian, who is a good and loving friend, injects my precious one with that freedom elixir, I always place my hand on top of her hand that holds the syringe. She has chosen a life of healing animals and I know how terribly hard it is for her to give up on one. So I want to shoulder that burden with her so she's not alone. The law of my state says the veterinarian is the one licensed to administer the shot, not me. But a much higher law says this is my ultimate gift to my pet and the responsibility that I undertook on the day I welcomed THAT life into MY life forever.

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VetPet Partners veterinary e-list

Please update your bookmarks and links on your web pages.

AMSC address: <http://amsc.us>

In addition, there are some new generic email addresses:
president@amsc.us
secretary@amsc.us
rescue@amsc.us
webmaster@amsc.us

These email addresses will automatically forward email to the current office holder.

Anyone who has changed address, email, phone information lately, please let us know so we can update the AMSC roster. Also, if you are listed on the AMSC website (<http://amsc.us>) in our Breeders List, Rescue pages or Local Clubs section, you should check those listings to make sure they are current.

Local Club Bulletin and Local Club Website Awards for 2009

The committee of Luana Nedich, Marcia Dawson and Stephanie Davis-Rae chose the **Twin Cities Miniature Schnauzer Club (MN) Website** for the 2009 Local Club Website award and **Tidbits and Tales from the Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club (AZ)** for the 2009 Local Club Bulletin award. We thoroughly enjoyed this assignment!

We reviewed the following websites and suggest that you visit these sites and see what hard work the local clubs are doing. Some of them have their Bulletins/Newsletters online also.

<http://www.gatewaymsc.com/> Gateway MO
<http://www.msnc.us/> Northern CA
<http://mscsc.org/> Southern CA
<http://www.csmcsc.org/> Colorado
<http://www.cactusstatemsc.org/> Cactus State
<http://minischnauzer.org/> Mt.Vernon (MD)
<http://www.cfmsc.org/> Central Florida
<http://www.atlantaschnauzers.com/> Atlanta
<http://www.chicagominiatureschnauzerclub.org/> Chicago
<http://tcmsc.com/> Twin Cities (MN)
<http://www.pmsc2.org/> Portland OR
www.pmsc.org Paul Revere (MA & new england)
<http://www.lonestarmsc.org/> Dallas, TX <http://www.msc-mi.org/> Michigan

We reviewed the following Newsletters/
Bulletins

Whiskbroom (MN) Twin Cities
 Toplines (MI) Michigan
 Tailwagger (MO) Gateway
 Tailings (IL) Chicago
 Tidbits & Tails (AZ) Cactus State
 Schnauzer Tales (CO) Centennial
 The Schnauzer Strip (TX) Dallas
 Schnauzer Browser (OH) Cleveland
 MSCA Newsletter (GA) Atlanta—
 Beards & Brows (MD) Mt Vernon

Luana Nedich, Chair

ROVING SPECIALTY WEEKEND

Everglades Terrier Club
March 12, 2010

Regular Classes (10-22-8-2)

Judge: Barry Day

WD... SCANDALS ESCALADE AT EVALIL/
Monsen
 RWD.. REPITITION'S RHYTHM & BLUES/
Garmaker
 WB/BOW/BBE/BBE GR 1.. MYLA'S GODDESS
OF LOVE/Sicurella/Garmaker
 RWB... GENTRY CELTIC STORM /Constantine/
Contrino
 BOS... CH AWESOME'S KISS MY GRITZ/ Smith.
 BOB/Gr. 1... CH LONESTAR'S WICKED GOOD/
Edwards/Edwards.

Central Florida MSC Specialty

March 13, 2010

Sweepstakes (3-8-1)

Judge: Hilde Haakensen

Best in Sweeps... DESTINEEZ HOT OFF THE
PRESS/Houc/Pendleton/Ream
 BOS in Sweeps... REVELEE'S WOLFY
 AMADEUS OF BARRINGTON/Pappas
 Best Veteran in Sweeps... CH BJB'S CAST-
AWAY/ Brown /Ogren

Regular Classes (11-21-9-3)

Judge: Lynda Berar

WD... ERNHART'S POWER PLAYER./ Imler
 RWD..SUMERWYND BANDSMAN SUNDANCE/
Weinberger
 WB/BOW...MYSTIQUE'S RUNNING WITH
 SCISSORS/Rohrer
 RWB... DESTINEEZ HIGH FLYER/Houc/
Pendleton
 BOS... CH LONESTAR'S WICKED GOOD/
Edwards/Edwards
 BOB/Gr. 1... CH EARTHSONG REMEDY FOR THE
 BLUES/Hoffmann/Hoffmann
 BP/PG2 ARAGON MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR/
Gordon.

AMSC Specialty

March 14, 2010

Puppy Sweepstakes (3-8-1)

Judge: Carma Ewer

Best in Sweeps... DESTINEEZ HIGH FLYER/
Houc/ Pendleton
 BOS in Sweeps... REVELEE'S WOLFY
 AMADEUS OF BARRINGTON/Pappas
 Best Veteran in Sweeps...CH BJB'S CAST-
AWAY/ Brown/Ogren

Regular Classes (9-22-8-2)

Judge: Marcia Feld

WD... SCANDALS ESCALADE AT EVALIL/
Monsen
 RWD.. ERNHART'S POWER PLAYER/ Imler
 WB/BOW .. MYSTIQUE'S RUNNING WITH
 SCISSORS/ Rohrer
 RWB... REPITITION'S BY REQUEST/Garmaker
 BOS... CH EARTHSONG REMEDY FOR THE
 BLUES/Hoffmann/Hoffmann
 BOB/Gr. 3... CH LONESTAR'S WICKED GOOD/
Edwards/Edwards.
 AOM... CH KELLY STEELES A TRIPLE CROWN/
Kelly/Steele

Bouquets & Biscuits

***CH Fairways Midnight Tryst**, "Trysten". He is our first Black to finish. He received his final point at the Central Indiana KC on February 11th. Trysten is bred and owned by Teresa Handlen and Joanne Toft. Shown by Teresa Handlen. His Sire is Ch. Char N' Co. Speed Limit and Dam is Prairieland Midnite Serenade.

* **Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman All About Flyfishing** finished with a breed win and third major at the Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado in February. (ToMar's High Flying ex Can.Ch.Rho D's Something Fishy). Breeder-owner handled by Catherine McMillan

* **Ch.Paragon's Focus On The Gold** finished February 13th at the Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado, winning his third major. "Dude" is owned by Carla Nickerson and Wyn Hagmaier, and is the 5th champion for his sire Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman Fixation and second for his dam, Ch.Ruedesheim's Soft Touch.

*On February 20/21, **Ch. Garnet Rock's Maestro Bernstein UDX, RE, OJP, OAP, MX, MXJ, OF, JE, CGC, AMSC VAX, CKC CD & ASCA CDX** ("Bernie") showed in Obedience in Hartford, CT. Bernie won his Utility B class both days, placed second in Open B both days, won High Combined both days and completed the requirements for his UDX title. Bernie is owned and handled by Marcia Dawson and was bred by June Glover of Garnet Rock Kennel.



Eukanuba is thrilled to announce the next 2010 Eukanuba Breeders Stakes Shows!

Beaumont Kennel Club – July 17, 2010,
Houston, Texas

Beaver County Kennel Club – August 7,
2010, Canfield, Ohio

Tuxedo Park Kennel Club – September 3,
2010, North Branch, New Jersey

OMISSION:

Montgomery County KC
10-04-09
AOM...Blythewood Full Metal Jacket/Huber

PUPPY MILL

posted 6-01-09 United KC link by Cindy Cooke

You can't really ban a word. In fact, an attempt to ban something often backfires, particularly in the United States, where we don't like people censoring our speech. So I'm not going to tell you not to say "puppy mill". I'm going to give you some very good reasons for not using that phrase.

I speak to a lot of dog clubs and frequently hear dog breeders supporting so-called "anti-puppy-mill" laws. When I ask these people to define "puppy mill," invariably the definitions given include:

- People who "overbreed" their dogs;
- People who don't take care of their dogs;
- People who have too many dogs;
- People who breed dogs "just for money"; and
- People who don't take health issues into account when breeding their dogs.

Let's look at these definitions in turn. What is "overbreeding"? In the wild, most canids can only reproduce once a year. Most domestic dogs can have two litters a year. When I first became a dog breeder, it was almost a religious belief that no female dog should be bred more than once a year. We were told that it was important to "rest" the uterus between litters. Today, however, thanks to advances in veterinary medicine, we know that an uterus is actually damaged by the elevated progesterone levels that occur in each heat cycle, whether the dog is pregnant or not. Veterinary reproduction specialists recommend that dogs be bred on their second or third heat cycle, that we do more back-to-back breedings, and that we spay the dogs at around age six.

The "overbreeding" argument also treats reproduction as something that female dogs wouldn't do if they had a choice. Dogs aren't people - female dogs actually want to be bred when they're in heat and, with few exceptions, enjoy raising their puppies. It's not an unwellcome event for dogs.

People who don't take care of their dogs are already guilty of a crime in all 50 states. There is nowhere in the United States where it is legal to neglect or abuse dogs. Sadly, a small minority of all dog breeders - commercial, home and hobby - commit neglect and abuse. Some of these do so out of ignorance, some out of laziness, and some out of meanness. All are already breaking the law. It just needs to be enforced.

One of our biggest problems now is that animal radicals insist that every dog be raised like a hothouse flower. One bill proposed this year would have required every kennel to be air conditioned. Many owners of working dogs prefer that their dogs be acclimated to hot weather so that they can work when the tem-

perature goes up. Likewise, sled dogs in the north often sleep outdoors in the snow. Dogs can live and thrive in a wide range of environments. The Arctic Circle, the jungles of Africa, and the deserts of Arabia have all produced breeds of dogs that can live happily in conditions that might not suit all dogs. It is important that we not let activists redefine the needs of dogs to the extent that we are forced to provide a brass bed and a down pillow for every animal in the kennel!

What is "too many" dogs? Most of our breeds were developed by wealthy people who kept large numbers of dogs. Hound breeders traditionally kept good-sized packs, and early show breeders did as well. Now that our sport includes more mainstream people - people with jobs or people who need jobs - it's hard for many of us to keep large numbers of dogs. There is no inherent link between numbers of dogs and neglect. People who have the resources to keep big kennels provide a service for all of us, particularly if they maintain a good number of useful stud dogs.

Breeding dogs is expensive, and getting more so daily. It's just plain silly to pretend that none of us needs the money generated by puppy sales and stud services. Without that income, the vast majority of middle class breeders could not afford this sport. When our sport was solely in the hands of rich people, it was the norm to sneer at people in "trade", and part of that attitude was handed down to us with the culture of our sport. Today, however, the majority of us in the sport are "in trade", in the sense that we have to work to support ourselves. Our dogs must, at least in part, support themselves or most of us would have to get out of the game.

We have among us a small but vociferous group of people who think that breeders only care about producing great hunting or show dogs, and nothing about health. In fact, I've never met a breeder who wasn't concerned about the health of his dogs and the health of his breed. Most health problems in dogs don't have simple solutions, so it is only natural that breeders are often going to disagree about how to address health problems. When there's no right answer to a question, then breeders who follow a different path than you might choose are not necessarily wrong or unconcerned. I know that many believe that commercial breeders don't care about health, but the fact is that their professional organizations provide some of the most sophisticated health seminars in the country for their breeders.

Twenty years ago, animal activists created the phrase "puppy mill". Back then, it was only applied to commercial breeders, and then only

to those who were breaking the law by neglecting their dogs. In a futile attempt to placate activists, many hobby breeders adopted the term "puppy mill" and used it to separate "them" from "us". It was a mistake then, and it's rapidly becoming fatal today. Every one of these so-called "anti-puppy-mill bills" has a definition that could easily include breeders of hunting and show dogs. Every time you use that phrase, you're contributing to the idea that dog breeders need to be regulated out of existence.

The message we need to send to America is that purebred dogs are good, not just because they have pedigrees, but because of their predictability, and that people should shop at least as carefully for a puppy as they do for a car. We don't need to help the animal radicals spread their message by using their favorite term: puppy mill!

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Board voted to approve funding up to \$2000 for Dr. Brown from U of GA to perform wedge biopsys on member owned or bred dogs. The cost to the owner would be free and the AMSC would send \$75 to Dr. Brown. The goal is to start to determine the incidence of JRD in our breed.
2. The Board agreed to allow members to have a AMSC logo on their websites with a link to amsc.us.
3. We had a 6.8% response to the member survey on our Specialty format. Using the member input in the survey, the Board decided to leave our current Specialty format in place.
4. The Board approved 5 applicants into our membership.
5. The Board decided to nominate Jinx Gunville for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award.
6. The name of the Performance Committee was changed to "Companion Event and Performance Committee".
7. The Membership and Insignia Committees were combined into a new committee, "Membership Application Committee".
8. The Board did not confirm that Members can have links to their personal websites on the amsc.us breeder referral page.
9. The nominating committee was appointed.

10 Things In Your Home That Can Kill Your Dog

Dogs are very curious animals and as omnivores and natural scavengers, can get into and eat just about anything. However, there are many toxic substances found in your home that could potentially kill your dog. The following is a list of ten common household substances that you should make sure to keep out of your dog's reach.

1) Antifreeze: Many people do not realize it, but common antifreeze kills many pets each year. It smells and tastes very sweet to your dog and is very appealing to him. Ethylene glycol is toxic however, and each winter, many animals are killed by it. Symptoms of toxicity include seizures, vomiting, stumbling and lethargy leading to kidney failure. Make sure to keep your antifreeze out of your dog's reach. If you suspect that your dog has ingested antifreeze, take your dog to the [veterinarian](#) immediately.

2) Chocolate: Chocolate contains a substance called theobromine which is toxic to dogs. Baking chocolate and dark chocolate is especially dangerous. While it usually takes a somewhat large amount of chocolate to kill a dog, poisoning and death does occur with smaller amounts ingested. Signs of chocolate poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, increased urination, and increased activity. This can progress to seizures and unusual heart rhythms. Call your veterinarian immediately if you suspect your dog has eaten chocolate.

3) Bleach: As you might imagine, household bleach is toxic to dogs. Keep all products containing bleach out of your dog's reach. Symptoms of bleach poisoning include drooling, vomiting, and abdominal pain. Do NOT induce vomiting if you suspect your dog has ingested bleach and contact your veterinarian immediately.

4) Tylenol: As little as two regular strength Tylenol tablets can kill a small dog. Dogs lack the proper liver enzymes to break down acetaminophen. Signs of toxicity include drooling, lethargy, and abdominal pain. If you suspect your dog has ingested Tylenol, call your veterinarian immediately.

5) Watch Batteries: If your dog ingests a watch battery, it can cause a potentially fatal ulceration in the stomach within 12 hours. All other alkaline batteries are toxic to dogs as well. Symptoms of toxicity include drooling, lack of appetite, vomiting, and lethargy. If you suspect your dog has ingested a watch battery, con-

tact your vet immediately.

6) Moth Balls: Moth balls are very dangerous to dogs. They contain an insecticide that causes central nervous system excitement and seizures. When metabolized, ingestion of moth balls can lead to liver failure. Symptoms of poisoning by moth balls include vomiting and seizures. If your dog has consumed moth balls, do NOT induce vomiting. Seek veterinary care immediately.

7) [Fabric Softeners](#) and other detergents: All sorts of household [detergents](#) are toxic to dogs at one level or another, but fabric softeners fall into the highly toxic category. Signs of toxicity include vomiting, lethargy, burns to the mouth, drooling, muscle weakness, and even coma. Do NOT induce vomiting if your dog has ingested any detergent. Contact your veterinarian immediately.

8) Mouthwash: Mouthwash can contain boric acid which is highly toxic to dogs. Symptoms of poisoning by mouthwash include vomiting, drooling, seizures, and coma. You should take your dog to the veterinarian immediately if you suspect poisoning by mouthwash or other household item containing boric acid like contact lens solution or denture [cleaner](#).

9) Peach Pits: With most fruits, the pits and the seeds are toxic to dogs. Signs of poisoning include drooling, vomiting, and lethargy. If you suspect your dog has eaten a peach pit or the pit or seeds of any fruit, take him to the veterinarian immediately.

10) Household Plants: Many common and popular household plants are highly toxic to dogs. A partial list of toxic plants includes poinsettias, lilies, ferns, devil's ivy, aloe, and ivy. Symptoms of poisoning due to ingestion of toxic plants include vomiting and central nervous system excitement. Many of these plants are fatal if ingested. Please contact your veterinarian immediately if you suspect your dog has eaten a toxic houseplant.

With diligence on our part, we can help prevent our dogs from getting into substances that are toxic to them. Many veterinary school websites offer lists of things that are toxic to dogs and what you should do if your dog ingests such things. As always, if you think your dog may have eaten something dangerous, contact your veterinarian immediately or take your dog to the closest emergency clinic.

TYLENOL

The other day, the owner of two of my dogs called to ask what to do because the dogs had just ingested some Tylenol. Previously, I had called the Pet Poison Control Center for that so I knew what to tell them. I told them to give both dogs 1 tablespoon of hydrogen Peroxide and take them to the emergency vet immediately.

Pet Poison Control Center directions:

Immediately give the pet :

1 tablespoon of Hydrogen Peroxide. Wait 15 minutes to see if the dog vomits.

If not give the dog one slice of bread, and another 1 tablespoon of Hydrogen Peroxide.

The goal is to get that Hydrogen Peroxide into the stomach so do not hesitate at all if the animal fights you.

Allow them to have quiet, and they should vomit. If not contact your vet.

The Tylenol will dissolve in as little as ten minutes. If it has been well over that, you should contact an emergency center immediately. Tylenol should NOT be given to dogs or cats. It affects the kidneys.



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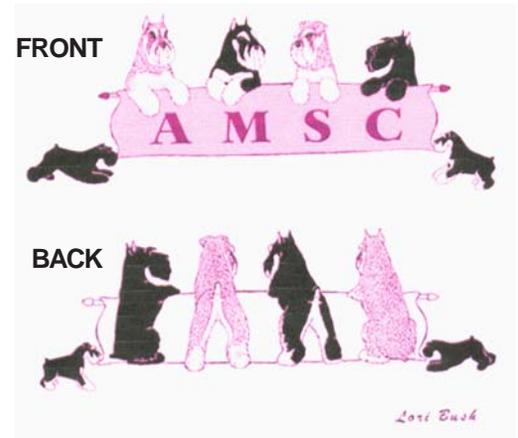
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